

Dominion Energy South Carolina (DESC) filed an application to increase its rates by approximately 7.7% with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) in August 2020. The average residential consumer's monthly bill would increase by \$9.68 per month if approved. The case is scheduled to be considered by the PSC in January 2021.

# **Rate Increase Request Summary**

Total Revenue Requested	\$2.067 billion
Total Revenue Increase Requested (\$)	\$178 million
Total Revenue Increase Requested (%)	7.75%

Number of Impacted Consumers **753,000** 

Average Monthly Bill of Residential Consumers Using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month		
Current (2020)	\$122.31	
If Rate Increase is Approved (2021)	\$131.99	
Potential Increase in Average Monthly Bill	\$9.68 (7.91%)	

#### **Counties Where Service is Provided**

Abbeville	Berkeley	Fairfield	McCormick
Aiken	Calhoun	Greenwood	Newberry
Allendale	Charleston	Hampton	Orangeburg
Bamberg	Colleton	Jasper	Richland
Barnwell	Dorchester	Kershaw	Saluda
Beaufort	Edgefield	Lexington	Union

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# **How Can Consumers Participate?**

#### 1. Fill out a Letter of Protest on the PSC's website at PSC.SC.GOV/consumer-info/file-complaint

#### 2. Attend Public Hearings and Testify

Consumers will be able to participate and let the Commissioners hear their concerns. The PSC has not yet released dates for the public hearings.

### Important Dates (as published by the PSC)

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08/14/2020	Application Filed
09/04/2020	Company Testimony Due
09/30/2020	Company has Published Notification of Increase
10/30/2020	Petition to Intervene Deadline
11/10/2020	All Other Parties Testimony Due
11/30/2020	Company's Rebuttal Testimony Due
12/15/2020	All Other Parties Surrebuttal Testimony Due
01/05/2021	PSC Hearing Begins
02/15/2021	PSC Order Issued
03/08/2021	Approved Rates Go into Effect

#### Intervenors

- · CMC Steel South Carolina
- Frank Knapp, Jr.
- ORS
- SC Department of Consumer Affairs
- Sierra Club
- United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies

#### **About DESC**

In January 2019, Dominion Energy, Inc. and SCANA Corporation (South Carolina Electric & Gas or SCE&G) merged. DESC provides service to over 753,000 electric customers and operates in 24 counties in the central, southern, and southwestern areas of the state.

Average Monthly Bill of Residential Consumers Using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month		
After Last Rate Increase (2013)	\$137.65	
Before V.C. Summer Nuclear Abandonment (2017)	\$147.70	
After V.C. Summer Nuclear Abandonment (2019)	\$124.91	
Current (2020)	\$122.31	

### **About the Office of Regulatory Staff**

The ORS represents consumers of investor-owned utilities in South Carolina before the PSC. The PSC is the state agency that sets utilities' rates. The ORS must look at the impact to the consumer and utilities' continued investment in reliable and high-quality services.